REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants delete all the claims previously filed in the International application PCT/IB2003/04489. The preliminary amendment is made to avoid multiple dependency and to comply with the US PTO rules. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added and that the claims remain supported by the specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By:

Kenneth H. Samples Registration No. 25,747

Date: <u>April 15, 2005</u> 120 South LaSalle Street Suite 1600 Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406 Telephone: (312) 577-700

Facsimile: (312) 577-7007